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Miss Weston

Your communication of last June was duly received, and I also received the Liberty Bell. The approaching Bazaar has not been forgotten by me, nor do I forget that those who carry forward its operations, do it by labor and toil and self sacrifice, and that you need money as well as sympathy. In your efforts to regenerate the public sentiment of this nation, and by the power of truth to redeem this nation from the pollution of slavery and the slave from his galling chains, you have my sympathy to any amount, and glad should I be to increase the amount of money which I send you. But though small it comes from a willing heart.

I have been educated to regard it a religious duty and privilege to contribute to aid missions for sending the gospel of salvation to the heathen. I know of no mission more Christ-like, nor whose demands are more imperative than that of the Abolitionists who are struggling to preach the gospel of deliverance to the slave. For this object I enclose five dollars for the Bazaar, or to be appropriated as you think best. I should be glad again to receive the Liberty Bell if it is published this year, as I suppose it is; but I do not know of any way to obtain it, and I should also be very glad to obtain a copy of the Constitution or Declaration of Sentiments of the American Anti-Slavery Society. I had encouragement of two subscribers for the Liberator; but one of them has decided to take the National Era, and the other I have not seen for sometime, as he lives some distance from us. Prejudice against Garrisonism and Communitarianism is prevalent and strong here; but truth is spreading, and

and developing character, and gaining adherents. I hope ere long
some anti-slavery lecturer, baptised with the true spirit of freedom
will be commissioned to deliver a message of truth in this vicinity.
It seems sometimes as if the midnight hour had come when the
slumbering virgins should be aroused with the cry, Behold the
bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. The present hour is
fraught with interest and responsibilities unprecedented. Transpir-
ing events show with unmistakable certainty that modern Pha-
raoh is preparing for a hot pursuit into the Red Sea, and the
American Hebrews may be encouraged to enslave their hard bond-
age a little longer, for the Lord will surely deliver them, and the
Haranes, (not Hurts) and Meriams may toil on yet a little
longer, and they will sing the song of victory, and shout, This
people are free. The recent tragical scenes at Christiana and
at Syracuse admonish us to be in readiness to forsake all for
Christ, in the person of his poor enslaved ones. Abolitionists
which ^{term} seems to be almost synonymous with Christians, should
stand with their armor on, watching for their Lord when he
doth come for they know not at what hour, nor in what poor
fleeing fugitive he may appear. It is easy to profess to be a chris-
tian, and easy to assume the name of abolitionist, but to ^{be} brought
before kings and rulers and be cast out of synagogues, and to
forsake houses and lands and fathers and mothers ^{and} every thing dear
for ^{our} ~~father's~~ adherence to the principles of righteousness, requires firm-
ness of purpose and strength of nerve. But the crisis is approaching
and it looks as if these tests may soon be applied. Let the Ab-
olitionists work with redoubled vigor, and energy. Let them be pre-
pared to meet the enemy face to face. You, (the Abolitionists of
Napa) who have so long been bearing the burden and heat of the
day, need no admonition, I trust to be faithful; but when I look at

the reckless and cruel course of this nation, and the revealed purpose of God to arrest and change this course by the power of truth, I shudder in view of conflicts and trials which those who proclaim the truth may be called to endure, and I would fain speak a word of encouragement, and do what I can to sustain them in their holy enterprise. Glad should I be to meet with you in some of your Anti Slavery gatherings, and unite hearts and efforts. We have no anti slavery meetings nor lecturers here, and there are few who sympathize with us in our views of this subject. I sometimes long to meet with those who are directing their efforts to uncover the sins of the present age and to teach and enforce our duty in relation to them.

Your approaching Bazaar must be one of thrilling interest. The aspects of the slavery question, and the developments of the ferocious slave power are such as should and will stimulate to vigorous and persevering effort. Though I cannot meet with you, I shall be with you in spirit, and I shall watch your progress with solicitude day, and eagerly wait the arrival of the Liberator detailing your labors and speeches, and success.

I should have sent this earlier, but for the protracted illness of my husband. He has been ill most all summer, now better.

With hearty desires for the success of your cause I remain Yours,

Clarina G. Olds.

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